

Campaign for Labor Rights (CLR)

CLR is a loose coalition of unions and other organizations. Unions such as UNITE (textile workers), the United Farm Workers (UFW) and the United Electrical, Radio, and Machine Workers of America (UE) are joined by several groups with interests in labor rights and human rights. The coalition also includes faith-based groups such as the National Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice (NICWJ). The theme that unifies this coalition is an emphasis on child labor, exploitation of women, and the inhuman conditions in sweatshops.

Frame

GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE (see **Resource Kit, Globalization Frames**)

Access Rules

The following teams have automatic access: **Progressive Caucus**. Other teams require your permission to meet with you.

Success Indicators:

Labor Rights (LR): This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that improve job conditions and human rights for workers in the United States and abroad. It is lowered by actions that make job conditions and human rights worse for workers in the United States and abroad.

Global Poverty Reduction (GPR): This index measures the percentage of people in each country who are living below the subsistence level. It begins at 100 and is raised by actions that decrease the number of people living in poverty and is lowered by actions that increase the number.

Constituency Support (CS): This begins at 100 and is raised by actions that increase financial and political support for CLR by allies and potential supporters. It is lowered by actions that decrease financial and political support for CLR by allies and potential supporters.

Overall Success = $(LR + GPR + 2CPS) / 4$

Recommended to Print from Resource Kit:

You should make hard copies of the following parts of the Resource Kit to read ahead of time or bring with you to the game sessions:

- *** Glossary of Technical Terms
- *** GLOBALIZATION WITH A HUMAN FACE frame
- *** Zones of Action

Notes:

Jarol B. Manheim (2001) *The Death of a Thousand Cuts* (Mahwah, NJ: Lawrence Erlbaum Associates), pp. 130-31, describes the Campaign for Labor Rights. He writes:

"The theme that unifies many of the CLR campaigns is the emphasis on child labor, exploitation of women, and the inhuman conditions in sweatshops, all set against the unwillingness of prominent companies to accept responsibility for the working conditions imposed by their suppliers. From a strategic perspective, this thematic clearly establishes CLR campaigns on the moral high ground. . . In many instances, that is a legitimate exercise. However, the reliance on this theme also masks other, less altruistic interests, some economic and others political. It is clear, for example, that UNITE has a vested interest in raising the cost of production in low-wage markets to render domestic American production more competitive; it also has an interest in punishing companies that move jobs overseas."

CLR Action Options

Demands. Indicate which of the following are your demands on the **A-Team**:¹

I. Loan to cover existing debt payments.

___ Ia. Reject the application.

___ Ib. Grant the new loan unconditionally.

___ Ic. Grant the new loan subject to the following conditions (specify):

II. Debt forgiveness under the HIPC program.

___ IIa. Reject the application for debt forgiveness.

___ IIb. Grant the debt forgiveness unconditionally.

___ IIc. Grant the debt forgiveness subject to the following conditions (specify):

III. Development loan to finance Banglabush's investment in the Uranium Compact.

___ IIIa. Reject the application for the development loan.

___ IIIb. Grant the development loan unconditionally.

___ IIIc. Grant the development loan subject to the following conditions (specify):

Indicate which are your demands on the **European Union**:

IV. Loan to cover existing debt payments.

___ IVa. Reject the application.

___ IVb. Grant the new loan unconditionally.

___ IVc. Grant the new loan subject to the following conditions (specify):

V. Development loan to finance Banglabush's investment in the Uranium Compact.

___ Va. Reject the application for the development loan.

___ Vb. Grant the development loan unconditionally.

___ Vc. Grant the development loan subject to the following conditions (specify):

¹ Checking off your demands determines whether or not your scores on your success indicators will be affected by what happens. Your demands here are your short term goals in this situation.

(CLR Action Options continued)

The following action options are available. You may adopt as many as you choose or none at all.

___ VI. Send members of your organization as part of a team of human rights monitors who will issue and publicize a report on conditions in Banglabush.

___ VII. Join an anti-corporate campaign against HAZMAT. The anti-corporate campaign has three zones of activities. Indicate in which of these sets of activities your team will participate. (See **Resource Kit, Zones of Action** for more details).

___ VIIa. Green zone activities. This includes public criticism of HAZMAT's actions, boycotts, and other strictly legal and protected public speech. Specify the activities:

___ VIIb. Yellow zone activities. This includes other strictly non-violent actions, including civil disobedience, that may risk arrest. Specify the activities:

___ VIIc. Red zone activities. This includes activities that are illegal and not strictly non-violent including those that are confrontational and intended to disrupt normal life. Specify the activities:

VIII. The World Bank and IMF will be meeting in Washington, D.C. while the European Union is meeting in Brussels, Belgium, to decide on loan requests from Banglabush. If there are sufficient participants, there will be mass demonstrations in D.C., Brussels, and other major European cities at the time of the meetings. You have the following action options (choose one or more):

___ VIIIa. Decline to participate in the demonstrations.

Participate in the demonstrations, urging our supporters to participate in the following action zones:

___ VIIIb. Green zone activities. This includes participating in legal demonstrations and marches in areas approved by authorities, participating in rallies and seminars, and other legal activities including non-disruptive street theater. Specify the activities:

___ VIIIc. Yellow zone activities. This includes other strictly non-violent activities that may involve some disruption of traffic and free movement of people. Specify the activities:

___ VIId. Red zone activities. This includes activities that are illegal and not strictly non-violent including those that are confrontational and intended to disrupt normal life. Specify the activities:

___ IX. We will make no recommendation but will leave it to individual participants to decide in which zones of activities they will participate.

___ X. Other (specify): ²

² You should check with the game coordinator who will rule whether such an action would be possible in the real world.

CLR Press Release

(This should be written on the assumption that the details of the scenario itself are already known and have been reported earlier. You should focus on the actions you have taken during Phase Three that you wish to publicize – and, if relevant, possible action that you might have taken and did not. You should emphasize those actions of your own and of others that you hope will raise your relevant success indicators.)

CLR Broadcast Rating Form

The CLR monitors all broadcasts:

WUSA Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the CLR covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

- _____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.
_____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.
_____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. Did coverage show the implications of actions for human rights, and labor rights for workers in the U.S. and other countries?

- _____ a. Gave significant attention to the implications for human rights and labor rights.
_____ b. Mixed, with some attention but not a lot.
_____ c. Little or no attention to the significance for human rights and labor rights.

EuroPress Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the CLR covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

- _____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.
_____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.
_____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. Did coverage show the implications of actions for human rights, and labor rights for workers in the U.S. and other countries?

- _____ a. Gave significant attention to the implications for human rights and labor rights.
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(CLR Broadcast Rating continued)

Liberation Press: Notes on coverage:

1. Were the actions of the CLR covered fully and fairly from your standpoint?

- _____ a. Yes. Coverage was pretty much the way we would have presented it ourselves.
- _____ b. Mixed yes and no. Coverage of some of our actions was good but there were significant omissions and/or inclusion of distracting and irrelevant material.
- _____ c. No, coverage missed important aspects of our actions and/or distorted other aspects.

2. Did coverage show the implications of actions for human rights and labor rights for workers in the U.S. and other countries?

- _____ a. Gave significant attention to the implications for human rights and labor rights.
- _____ b. Mixed, with some attention but not a lot.
- _____ c. Little or no attention to the significance for human rights and labor rights.